

Please amend the title of Figure 13 as follows:

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**POINT MUTATIONS ELIMINATING THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF CRS IN
THE pol REGION (nucleotides 3700-4194) (SEQ ID NO: 127)**

Please add the following new title to Figure 14B:

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**COMPLETE NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE OF p37M1-10D AND AMINO ACID
SEQUENCE OF p37^{gag} PROTEIN (SEQ ID NO: 129)**

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6-20, 22, 25-29, 31-33 and 46-49 are pending in the application. Claims 46 and 49 have been amended. No new matter is added by this amendment. Claims 1, 2, 6-20, 22, 25-29, 31-33, drawn to a non-elected invention, have been canceled without prejudice to subsequent revival.

The Amendment

Claims 46 and 49 have been amended to clarify that the rarely-used or less preferred codon contains an "inhibitory/instability region". Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification and on page 9, lines 18-20; page 9, lines 33-35; page 10, lines 17-20; page 40, lines 12-13; and page 40, line 16. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Claims 47 and 48 depend directly or indirectly on claim 46.

Applicants have amended the priority reference in the specification on page 1 to be consistent with the preliminary amendment of August 31, 2001 and the corrected filing receipt of July 10, 2002. The drawings are amended according to the Examiner's suggestions.